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chimp is to a gorilla. There is more genetic similarity between a human being and a chimpanzee than between a chimpanzee and a gorilla. Appearances can be deceiving. So if you have a fertilized egg, wherever it exists, it must be a human being. Senator Brashear may not have studied Thomistic philosophy. may not have studied syllogisms, but everybody has heard a syllogism at some time in his or her life and probably has used syllogistic thinking and reasoning even without realizing it. You have a major premise which is a general statement, you have a minor premise which fits into the major premise, and then the conclusion is inescapable. All men are human. Aristotle is, and you have to figure whether you say he's a man or human, because you have to figure what the conclusion is that you want. But what s on the front of the major premise is on the back of Then you get to the conclusion. minor premise. Brashear knows that anything conceived by a woman has to be human, based on his philosophy. In the biological world, they have what are called closed genetic systems. That means...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even if a sexual intercourse takes place, will be no conception because there cannot be fertilization of the female by the male. There are men who have sex with animals, women too, but there will not be conception even if there is the ejaculation of sperm, because the two systems are closed. Only open systems allow So I'm kind of puzzled by what Senator Brashear reproduction. has concluded this morning. I haven't hounded Senator Foley on it because he's made it clear that he's not going to answer and, since I know that, there is no need in me continuing to ask the question. But I'm sure that some place within the sound of my voice is that old sage...let me drop old, is that mature sage, Curt Bromm, taking all this in and processing it and he says, am I with Kermit "Galilei" or am I with Senator Foley? If I'm with Senator Foley, I'm not going to answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, at this time the Speaker had asked